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a complete search of the subject matter of claim 12. Likewise, a complete search should also include the method claims of Group II.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the inventions are so interrelated that they are best examinable in a single application. Searching for the inventions of all groups in one application would be more expeditious and would not impose an undue burden on the PTO.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to reconsider the Restriction Requirement and withdraw the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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